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1. MOVEMENT OF GABONESE FORCE TO SHABA CONTINUE TO BE OF
INTENSE INTEREST HERE. INDEED, BECAUSE OF GABONESE TELE-
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VISION REPLAY OF VOA ANNOUNCEMENT THAT USAF HAD ALREADY
MOVED GABONESE TROOPS, MOST OF LIBREVILLE BELIEVES ACTION
HAS BEEN COMPLETED. GABONESE IN THE KNOW, FROM PRESI-
DENT ON DOWN (PER REFTEL B) ANXIOUS TO KNOW WHEN GABONESE
TROOPS WILL ACTUALLY BE PICKED UP. WE WERE,
THEREFORE, GRATIFIED TO RECEIVE REFTEL C INDICATING PLAN-
NING NOW INCLUDES PROVISION FOR SOME USAF FLIGHTS

TO LIFT AFRICAN TROOPS.

2. ACCORDING TO LIBREVILLE ALCE COMMANDER, TOTAL
GABONESE CONTINGENT PER SPECIFICATIONS PROVIDED REFTEL
A, COULD BE TRANSPORTED BY ONE C-141. THIS JUDGEMENT
MADE ON ACTUAL ALCE INSPECTION, WEIGHING AND MEASURING
EQUIPMENT AND PREPARING TENTATIVE MAINFIEST GABONESE
TROOPS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE STRONGLY URGE
THAT SINCE ONLY ONE FLIGHT INVOLVED, PLANNING INCLUDE
LIFT ASAP OF GABONESE CONTINGENT AND THEIR EQUIPMENT. TIENKEN

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